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SUBJ: CONCORDE NOISE

1. REPORT PRESENTED OCT. 20 TO GREATER LONDON COUNCIL (GLC) OF NOISE TESTS ON CONCORDE MADE BY COUNCIL DURING SUMMER TEST FLIGHTS OF CONCORDE HAS BROUGHT AIRCRAFT'S NOISE PROBLEMS BEFORE PUBLIC AGAIN.

2. GLC REPORT, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, SAYS THAT AREA OF LAND AFFECTED BY NOISE FROM CONCORDE IN SOME CASES IS NEARLY THREE TIMES THAT AFFECTED BY AIRCRAFT SUCH AS LOCKHEED TRI-STAR. NOISE SAMPLES WERE REPORTEDLY TAKEN BY GLC AT 33 SITES AROUND HEATHROW AIRPORT. COMPARED WITH TRI-STAR NOISE, THERE WAS SIX-FOLD INCREASE IN LOUDNESS IL TAKE-OFFS AND THREE-FOLD INCREASE IN LANDINGS; DURATION OF NOISE PEAK, HOWEVER, WAS AT SOME STAGES LESS THAN FOR OTHER NOISY AIRCRAFT.

3. GLC REPORT RECOMMENDED THAT COUNCIL URGE INDUSTRY SECRETARY TO ENSURE ALL APPROPRIATE NOISE ABATEMENT PROCEDURES BE ENFORCED "EVEN WHERE THE UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS OF CONCORDE MAY REQUIRE SOME SPECIAL OPERATIONAL OR ECONOMIC APRANGEMENTS TO BE MADE."

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4. BAC AND GOVERNMENT BOTH HAVE NOTED THAT NOISE DURING

TESTS DURING PAST SUMMER WAS NOT REPRESENTATIVE OF THAT TO BE EXPECTED DURING REGULAR OPERATIONS. DURING TESTS PILOTS WERE NOT CONCENTRATING ON NOISE ABATEMENT PROCEDURES AND OTHER ASPECTS OF PILOT TRAINING WERE GIVEN PRIORITY.

5. COMMENT: WHILE GLC REPORT ON CONCORDE NOISE FOLLOWING CLOSELY OL UK GOVERNMENT REPORT OF LAST WEEK PAINTS EVEN BLACKER PICTURE OF NOISE PROBLEM, THERE NO INDICATION THAT GOVERNMENT PLANS TO BEGIN CONCORDE SERVICES JAN. 21, 1976 WILL BE CHANGED. PRESS REPORTS NOTE THAT THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT CONCORDE MIGHT BE REQUIRED TO OPERATE FROM MORE REMOTE LONDON AIRPORTS (GATWICK OR STANSTED) SINAE CONCORDE MUST OPERATE FROM HEATHROW TO HAVE ANY CHANGE OF ECONOMIC VIABILITY.

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